

LOCAL NEWS.

CITY COUNCIL.—But little interest seemed to be in the proceedings of the regular meeting of the City Council last night. Many of the members were absent, and the attendance outside the bar was very much less numerous than has been usual for several weeks past.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—The Committee on Claims reported in favor of granting an application from C. M. Taylor for a division of the taxes on the estate of Mrs. Rebecca Taylor, between C. M. Taylor and the guardian of the minor owners of certain other portions of the estate, the object being to enable each party to keep a separate account.

Mr. French inquired who was the guardian of the children.

The Chair—Dr. Klipstein.

Mr. French—The guardian of the children should certainly be heard in the matter.

Mr. Markell said Mr. Taylor could pay the taxes and afterwards settle with Dr. Klipstein. This property had already been before Council on two occasions.

Mr. French held that whenever the estate of minors was concerned their guardian should be heard in their behalf.

The Chair said that he understood the matter was agreed upon in the family.

The applications of Messrs. Tabman, John Lynch and James Fecerty for reduction of taxes, were read.

Mr. Markell said he hoped the Committee on Claims would stop this thing. That committee had been bothered to death by these applications. No body in turn was satisfied; for himself he gave \$850 for his house and it was assessed at \$2,000. He did not complain for he knew somebody had to pay the taxes. The Aldermen concurred in Council's reference to the Committee on Claims.

The application of Chas. Javins and others asking that the market hours be fixed at from 10 o'clock in the morning; and to close at 10 o'clock on Saturday night, was referred to the Committee on General Laws.

The application of Mr. Keeble and others, asking that an act be passed requiring potatoes, &c., in market, to be sold by weight instead of measure, was read. The application went to the same committee without debate.

An application was read from J. Servis, asking that he had but \$200 worth of furniture and he was assessed at \$600 worth. He was a new house keeper.

Mr. Markell said he would soon find out about the taxes.

A bill amending the first section of the new act, so as to make the Mayor ex officio President of the Board of Police, was received from the Council.

Mr. French said that under present circumstances the best course would be to lay the act upon the table.

The bill was tabled accordingly.

Mr. Harmon called the attention of the Board to the circumstances now attending the scavenger's duties. The scavenger wanted to know if he was required to remove nuisances from the premises of individuals by order of the Supt. of Police, would the expenses of such removal be defrayed by the city. Under the old arrangement such a thing might have been tolerated, but now the scavenger had to pay for the office, he could not be expected to do this work free. Many of the persons from whose premises nuisances were removed could not or would not pay, and there was no means of making them do so.

Mr. Markell was opposed to saddling this expense on the city. It would have been better not to have rented out the office than to pay everybody's bill, and if the corporation began to pay, it would, after awhile, have to pay everybody's bill. Persons would refuse to pay. The scavenger would find it easier to get bills out of the corporation than in any other way, so the whole expense would at last fall upon the city.

Mr. Harmon saw the difficulty suggested by Mr. Markell, but said certainly it could not be expected that the scavenger would work for nothing and pay for the privilege of doing it.

The Chair said that the fact that rent was paid for the office did not alter the relations of the scavenger to the laws. It did him no good. He stood now just as he stood before the new law was passed. He thought the whole matter might safely be left with the Superintendent of Police.

Mr. Simpson said the scavenger had not yet given bond.

Mr. French thought the whole matter had better be dropped here.

Mr. Markell moved that it be laid on the table.

Without further action the board adjourned.

THE COMMON COUNCIL met a few moments after the regular hour, in the absence of the President, Geo. R. Shinn, esq., was called to the chair.

Mr. Harrison from the Committee on Streets reported a resolution directing the Superintendent of the Port and Work House to place all the able bodied males in his establishment at the service of the Superintendent of Police for work upon the streets.

Mr. Harrison said that the Committee on Streets were very much impeded for the want of labor, there was but one paver to do the work of the whole town. He had understood from Mr. Stephenson that there were several able bodied men at the work house. These he thought ought to be employed, as the citizens now paid \$1.50 a day for labor, while the city was feeding these men at the alms house.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Harrison, also, reported a resolution relative to the work left over by the old Committee on Streets. He said that the last Council had ordered a number of cutters, &c., to be built, but that the work remains unperformed, and there is much complaint on account of these matters as soon as possible. The resolution was agreed to.

John Lynch memorialized Council to reduce the assessment of his house, on Queen, between Henry and Fayette streets, from \$700 to \$400, stating that he paid \$300 for the house; Jas. Fecerty asked reduction of assessment of \$5,000 on his house at "The Village," stating that he had recently offered the same at auction and could get no higher offer than \$3,000 for it.

Mrs. S. A. Tabman complained that she had been assessed \$1,300 for a house she would gladly sell for \$1,300.

All these memorials were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Several other matters claimed the attention of the board but excited little debate, and many measures were agreed to without remark.

ROBBERIES.—St. John's Chapel, West End, was burglariously entered on Sunday night last and robbed of nearly everything it contained that could be carried off. The burglars stole the books used in the service and even attempted to tear up the carpet and take it away. The robbers were tracked some distance out on the Back Lick road and bore with them, it is said, evidence of having robbed the lecture room of some secret order.

On Monday night last, the house occupied by Mr. James Colman during fishing season as a restaurant, was broken open, and about one hundred and twenty-five dollars worth of furniture and bedding stolen.

On the same night an effort was made to break open the stable of Mr. Augustus Wall, in the rear of his feed store on King street, but the attempt was discovered by a gentleman who lives in the neighborhood, and the thieves were scared off.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

The Alexandria Library Company acknowledges the receipt of the following periodicals for August: Lippincott's Magazine, Eclectic Magazine, Bidwell's Monthly, Godey's Lady's Book, and Harper's Magazine. Back numbers of all these are in the library, together with copies of all the late novels out.

EFFECTS OF THE HEAT.—A valuable horse belonging to Mr. R. H. Gentry, fed in the tracks yesterday while hauling coal and died. Two mules belonging to Mr. Robert Sarnett, died on the tow path of the canal yesterday, and one, belonging to Mr. John Batt, fell and died on the tow path on Saturday last.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES.—The Committee on Claims and that on Public Property of the city Council have held meetings and organized, the former with Mr. J. P. Agnew, of the Board of Aldermen, and the latter with Mr. B. F. Price, of the Common Council, as Chairman.

FIRE IN PRINCE GEORGES.—The office of Dr. John T. Hoxton, two miles from Surratsville, in Prince Georges county, Maryland, together with its contents, including a valuable library, was accidentally destroyed by fire last Thursday night.

LARGE SCHOONER.—The schooner R. P. Reynard, now lying at the coal wharves of the American Coal Company, to load, carries 800 tons, as much as the ships that used to trade here carried.

LOCAL BREVITIES.—Mr. James Brannon has been enabled to work his carts continuously during the heated term, by causing his drivers to keep wet sponges upon the top of their horses heads.

Watermelons and cantelopes are now arriving by vessel cargoes, and sell on the wharf at reasonable prices.

The steamer Lady of the Lake brought up from Norfolk, this morning, a large amount of freight and a full complement of passengers.

The Alexandria Christian Association will make a moonlight excursion down the river on the night of the 11th of August.

Mr. Difias, with his relative Mr. L. H. Winberg, from Baltimore, called at this office this morning, the latter of whom performed some feats in addition that threw the exploits of the lightning calculator completely in the shade.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Garwood, has completed the census of the Second Ward of the city. The population of the ward is 1,932. That of the First Ward is 3,175.

It is contemplated to change the schedule on the O. & A. M. R. R. after Saturday next, by which about half an hour will be saved between this city and Lynnhaven.

The rumor on the streets this morning that Judge Keith's decision in the habas corpus case, tried before him in this city on Saturday last, had been received here was incorrect.

POLICE REPORT.—MAYOR'S OFFICE.—Oscar Cook and Henry Smith, colored boot blacks, for fighting and breaking the show window in the store of Mr. S. Dealham, were locked up in the watch house until they could raise the amount of the damages.

George W. Chaney and Robert Williams, colored, for fighting near the depot of the A. & L. H. R. R., were discharged upon the payment of costs.

MAGISTRATES' OFFICE.—A warrant was issued and executed authorizing a search of the premises of Jay Washington, colored, on complaint of Annie Hinchey, colored, for four dresses stolen from the complainant. The pander was recovered, but the thief is still at large.

Warrants were issued for the arrest of Black Moses and John, two colored men, charged with robbing David Winterfar, at Fishwauk, of about \$50, and stealing all his clothes except a shirt.

Warrants were issued for the arrest of three colored men named Dave, John and Moses, charged with threatening Philip Smith, colored, at the canal basin.

WATCH REPORT.—Night alternately clear and cloudy. A light occurred near the A. & L. H. R. R. depot, between two colored men, both of whom were arrested by the watch. With this exception there were no disturbances. The city was as quiet as usual. No lodgers were at the watch house.

SINGER'S NEW FAMILY SEWING MACHINE.

The very large sales of this popular machine, as shown by official returns, far exceed that of any other machine, its sales during the last two years being greater than the grover & Baker, Weed, Howe and others combined, and this fact or result has been owing to its real merits, hence its great and growing popularity. It is simple in construction, easily understood, all its parts gliding smoothly and noiselessly along, and is not liable to get out of order; has attachment for every kind and variety of work; sews with equal facility on the face and the back of cloth; uses straight needle, same size cotton for upper and lower stitch, and makes stitch alike on both sides of the fabric; needs no basting as a guide to sew by, and is now offered to the public as incomparably the best machine in existence. It would save you money to make the above assertions if we were not ready to prove them. All we ask is a trial, for observation alone can fully convey a clear impression of the many kinds of work of which our new family machine is capable. Machines for hire and for sale on liberal terms. Parties interested in the use of the machine. Satisfaction guaranteed in each and every case, or no sale.

C. C. BERRY, Agent, 72 King street.

MOONLIGHT EXCURSION TO INDIAN HEAD, ON THE NIGHT OF THE 11th OF AUGUST, (THURSDAY).

The committee on excursion of the Alexandria Christian Association announce to the public that they have completed all the arrangements for giving an excursion as above, and that they will endeavor to make it one of the most pleasant that has occurred this year.

Good instrumental and vocal music may be expected, and refreshments will be furnished at a reasonable price. Further notice will be given in the paper, &c., about the time of the excursion.

J. J. PRICE, Secy.

FOR SALE.

60 bbls 1st Middlings Flour.

20 bbls Riverside Fine do.

25 bbls Clifton Mills Extra.

20 bbls Mount Alto Super.

20 bbls Mount Alto Flour. For sale by THOMAS PERRY.

ROACH TRAPS, CALF AND OX MUZZLES, &c.

Just received Patent Roach Traps, Calf and Ox Muzzles, Dog Muzzles, Dog Collars and Chains, Wire Hanging Baskets, &c., to which we invite attention, at No. 88 King street.

J. T. O'BRIEN & SON.

LOST.—On the Steamer City of Alexandria, on the excursion Monday night, a pair of GOLD EAR RINGS, both been mended. A liberal reward will be paid for their return to No. 122 Commercial street.

JAMES C. WATKINS.

LOW PRICED DRESS GOODS.—We have many very desirable goods for Ladies Dresses, which we are offering very cheap.

ROBERT L. WOOD.

SHIRT FRONTS! SHIRT FRONTS!

Just received, all prices and varieties at 17.

WITMER & SLAYMAKERS.

TRY THE ARCTIC SODA AT WARFIELD & HALL'S.

Je 18 Corner Prince and Fairfax street.

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.]

FOREIGN NEWS.

Explosion.—Failures.—The Empress Regent.—The Secret Treaty, &c.

LONDON, July 27. The proceedings in the House of Lords last evening, were mainly unimportant and the House adjourned at an early hour.

The House of Commons went into Committee on the supply bill and discussed it nearly all night without taking final action.

Another terrible explosion occurred yesterday in a colliery at Llanelli, Wales. Nineteen persons were killed and many injured.

Three failures have been announced at the Stock Exchange to day.

PARIS, July 27.—The Journal Official this morning publishes a decree naming the Empress Regent during the absence of the Emperor from the Capital.

The departments of the Moselle, Haut Rhine, and Bas Rhine, have been declared in a state of siege.

The Journal Official publishes another decree calling out for active duty 90,000 men of the contingent of 1869.

The Journal Official has an article this morning on the pretended treaty recently published in the London Times, having for its object the acquisition of Luxembourg and Belgium by France on condition of France's not opposing the Union of the States of South Germany with the North German confederation. The article says that after the treaty of Prague, in 1866, several conferences were held at Berlin between Count Von Bismarck and the French Ambassador, on the subject of the project of alliance. Some of the ideas put forth in the Times were then advanced, but the French Government never had any knowledge of the project described, and as far as the propositions which were discussed at the interview mentioned the Emperor rejected them.

From Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, July 27.—Hon. Job E. Stevenson, M. C., from the second district, declines renomination.

John Bates died yesterday in the National theatre buildings. He was the builder and, for a long time, the manager of the National theatre. He leaves an estate valued at \$1,000,000.

The Newport and Cincinnati Bridge Co. sunk their last coffer-dam, and work on the bridge is now progressing rapidly.

Capture of a Murderer.

LEAVENWORTH, KAN., July 27.—Maloney, the murderer of Col. Buell, was pursued and captured yesterday. He was driven from his hiding place, when he jumped into a skiff and pushed across. On reaching the Missouri shore he was stopped by two men, who fired revolvers and wounded him.

At last accounts he was lying in the guard-house and was not likely to live.

Deaths in China.

PARIS, July 26.—The Journal Official says a despatch has been received from the French Charge d' Affaires at Peking, dated June 22. It announces the arrival of a French gunboat at Tientsin, where the English Consul is provisionally charged with the care of French interests. On the arrival of the vessel the French flag was saluted by the Chinese forts. No riotous demonstrations were made by the natives when the officers landed.

From San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—At the Democratic primary election yesterday 10,000 votes were polled, and considerable excitement was manifested.

The Anti Chinese Convention is in session to day, having under consideration the recent circular of the workmen and other subjects. Delegates are present from all portions of the State.

The Yacht Race.

LONG BRANCH, July 27.—The yacht which recently passed this point, supposed to be the Danubius, proves to be the English yacht Alceira.

Neither the Danubius nor the Cambria has yet been heard from.

Specie shipment.

NEW YORK, July 27.—The steamer Wisconsin takes out \$300,000 in specie.

The Markets.

NEW YORK, July 27.—Stocks heavy. Money 4 1/2. Gold 21 1/2. 5 20's, 1862, coupon, 9. Va. 6's, ex coupon, 60; do, new 60.

BALTIMORE, July 27.—Cotton dull at 19 1/2. Flour fairly active, but less firm; Howard's superfine 6 7/8. Wheat lower; sales of new red at 145 1/2; white 150 1/2. White corn 125 1/2; yellow 106 1/2. Oats heavy new 55 1/2; old 61 1/2. Rye 90 1/2.

BIRD.

At Capon Springs, Virginia, on the 22d of July, at the age of his age, WILLIAM ARTHUR PENDLETON, of Baltimore, late of St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Pendleton was born in Caroline county, Va., his fathers before him being of the old English stock, who bore a prominent part in our history. He was educated in the University of Virginia, and was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, of which he was a member of the Virginia Chapter. He was a man of high personal and moral qualities which adorned his life.

At his residence, in Charlottesville, Jefferson county, on Friday night last, after a lingering illness of some months, Mr. THOMAS RUTH, of Bedford, in the 64th year of his age.

In this city, this morning, GEORGE ALEXANDER, son of Alexander and Ann Eliza, both deceased, aged two years and six months. The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral from his residence of his father, No. 4 North Pitt street, to-morrow evening, at five o'clock.

In this city, on Tuesday morning, the 26th instant, JANIE, infant daughter of Charles H. and Sarah J. House.

WANTED to be placed in communication with the relatives and friends of WINNIE M. DUNN, who died in the Washington University Hospital, Baltimore, on the 19th of July, 1870. The deceased is supposed to have been from Tidewater, Virginia. Address CHARLES W. CHANCELLOR, M.D., Baltimore, or Wash. Univ., Baltimore, Md. Baltimore, July 21—edw

FRUIT JARS.

Just received 180 dozen GEM FRUIT JARS, the best self-sealing fruit jar ever invented. I have sold these jars for several years, and have never had a complaint of any kind about them. For sale low by the dozen or gross, by THOMAS PERRY.

GROUND PLASTER.

We offer our GROUND PLASTER from our mill, on Princess street, on terms as low as can be had anywhere, and respectfully solicit from our friends a continuance of their favors.

LEB & BROTHER, Manufacturers and Dealers.

JOSEPH H. D. SMOOT.

(Formerly of and successor to Smoot, Upham & Company.)

NUMBER DEALER.

No. 21 Union st.

(Between King and Cameron.)

Alexandria, Va.

TO DEBTORS.

All persons indebted to the concern of BREWIS & LAWSON are urged to make immediate settlement.

By J. H. LAWSON, Surviving Partner.

ZUREN IMPROVED CONCENTRA.

TRADED IN GO BLUE for sale by GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Be on your Guard.

The unexampled success which for twenty years has accompanied the use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, proves the efficacy of this nostrum in all sorts of cases of indigestion, and the counterfeiting business having been measurably played out in consequence of the numerous imitations of a kind the ostensible, a new and better article has been adopted in the South and West generally. A bottle of this medicine, prepared from a worthless material and bearing a variety of names, have been got up by irresponsible adventurers with the hope of substituting them to some extent for the Standard Bitters of the Age. In some cases country druggists are the concoctors and proprietors of these unscientific and trashy compounds, which are warmly recommended by the vendors, who endeavor to palm them off upon the credulous in lieu of the great specific which has never yet had a successful competitor either among proprietary preparations or the medicines prescribed in private practice. This notice is intended to put the public on their guard against the persuasions of parties engaged in the attempt to substitute mere rubbish for the most efficient stomachic Bitters prepared for the market. At this season of the year when debility and core, and the various ailments of the digestive system, arising from a lack of vital energy so generally prevail, it is of the greatest consequence that no tricks should be played with depressed and ailing systems. Ask, therefore, for Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the growth of the medicinal and scientific world, with deserved contempt, the worse than useless remedies offered in its place. It is important to the public as to the proprietors of the famous restorative, that this advice should be heeded. Jy 25—edw

The Best Thing Yet.

We have recently had sufficient evidence of the excellence of Mr. Spear's Port Grape Wine, which not only convinces us that all we can say in its praise is deserved, but that we are really conferring a favor upon readers in advising them to use it. The wine is a pure grape wine, entirely unadulterated, and of the most agreeable and delicious flavor of any we ever tasted. Of its medicinal qualities, we enter into the very highest opinion, and upon the evidence of our own experience, we can say that it is a most nearly perfect cure in the case of our little boy, who has been seven years afflicted with incontinence of the urine. A great number of remedies have been tried without benefit, and the result, as a consequence, is a permanent cure. Mr. Spear's Port Grape Wine is of effecting a cure. We have given this testimony without the knowledge of Mr. Spear, in the hope that others may be induced to try the virtue of this wine.—Mr. Pangborn, Editor of Jersey City Times. Jy 25—edw

Sweethearts and Wives.

Essays for Young Men on Single and Wedded Life—the dangers of Celibacy, and the joys of true Marriage—with sanitary aid for those who are in any way afflicted for matrimonial happiness. Sent free, in sealed envelopes. Address HOWARD ASSOCIATION Box 1, Philadelphia, Pa. Jy 25—edw

NOTICE.—We have on hand a large stock of Ladies', Misses' and Children's BOOTS and SHOES, and in order to reduce our stock, will sell at greatly reduced prices. All in want will do well to call at 71 King street. W. B. WADEY. Jan 28—edw

CHARLES WHITLSEY,

U. S. COMMISSIONER,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR IN BANKRUPTCY.

Congress having just amended the Bankruptcy law so that nearly all parties can be discharged from their debts unincumbered by the fifty per cent. of the assets, and the necessity of others to secure the benefits of this most effective and permanent measure of relief. The above-named will make bankruptcy a speciality; will procure discharges on the most moderate terms, and transact all business in that line. He will not be satisfied until the debtor is discharged from all his debts, and will endeavor to visit the different counties on court days, and thus save parties the trouble and expense of several trips to Alexandria in beginning and proceeding with their case. Discharges can be obtained here before the Court sits, and as in Richmond or elsewhere and at much less expense to parties. It may be added that the Bankruptcy act in connection with the amended law cannot fail to be satisfactory. The law will be secured to the bankrupt under the bankruptcy law, is the only relief now offered to parties struggling in the hopeless bondage of old debts. A. does personally or by letter at No. 12 South Royal street, Alexandria, Va. Jy 26—edw

NOTICE TO CITY TAX-PAYERS.

The tax bills due the City Council of Alexandria for the year 1870, are now ready and in the hands of the collectors, who can be found at their office in the market building from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. A discount of 20 per cent will be allowed on all bills paid in current funds on or before the 1st day of September, 1870.

J. T. HILL, C. L., Dist. Jy 26—edw

NOTICE.

For the accommodation of the public, and especially of our residents at Warrenton and Fauquier White Sulphur Springs connection is now regularly made to Warrenton from Saturday night's south bound train, and from Warrenton to the north bound train of Monday morning.

J. M. BRADY, Gen. Ticket Agent. Jy 26—edw

COSETS!

Just received another large lot of SKELETON COSETS, and full supply of the best of French and English made—warranted wholebone. Call and examine them at CLAS W. GREEN'S, 68 King street. Jy 26—edw

BEDDING'S SILKS!

A full supply of this celebrated brand of Machine Sewing Silk, just received and for sale wholesale and retail.

CHAS. W. GREEN'S, 68 King street. Jy 26—edw

LOST.—A POCKET-BOOK, containing a small sum of money, belonging to a poor woman, was lost this morning between the intersection of King and Fairfax streets and the Court House. A suitable reward will be paid for its return to this office. Jy 26—edw

CROSS & BLACKWELL'S PICKLES.

Chow Chow, Pickles, Caudle-eyes, Pickles and Mixed Pickles—a fresh supply just received and for sale by

G. W. RAMSAY, 117 King street. Jy 21—edw

FOUND.—On the Little River Turnpike, near Clifton Mill, a small SUM OF MONEY, which the owner has by describing the notes and paying for bill of advertising. Apply to J. BURKE & HERRICK. Jy 21—edw

BURLAPS.